

HOW GOVERNMENT OF CITY IS TAKEN AWAY FROM PEOPLE

Time to Call a Halt in Creation
of Commissions
Not Responsible to
Voters

Park Board Quoted by Morrissey as an Example of an Un-American Principle in Government—Submit Charter Changes to People, Is His Demand.

Former Alderman John J. Morrissey, it is said, will make a minority report to the Common Council, representing the Charter Amendment committee, in favor of including a provision by which all proposed charter changes may be submitted to the voters.

Mr. Morrissey said this morning: "I shall certainly not lay this matter of the referendum down until the victory is won. I doubt very much, however, if the people understand the full importance of the principles involved. The situation is not much different in Bridgeport than it is in other cities. Everywhere certain forces are striving to remove the government as far from the people as they can. The process is quiet, but it is effective, and has already proceeded a long way."

"Formerly those forces which thrive upon public privileges could not get up other bodies elected by the people. But within these last few years the voters have been wakened up. Men elected to office have four or five chances to look out for the people. They have not been granting franchises, nor giving away public rights as recklessly as they used to."

"Therefore the sinister element that constitutes the real power in many cities and states is casting about for means to take authority away from elective bodies and place it into appointed bodies, whose members are not responsible to the people."

"In this city this work has been intelligently managed. We have had an application to convince the people that the Board of Apportionment, an appointive body, is more powerful than the Common Council, an elective body, a proposition which is repugnant to all the traditions upon which our government is based."

"It is dangerous to take power from the people, directly responsible to the people and give it to men who are not responsible. A case in point is the 20 year contract which was made by the Common Council to be sure, but the people remember it and the Aldermen who voted for it so severely that the office will not be repeated there. But a year ago the Board of Apportionment renewed the contract for another year, against the general wish of the voters to the contrary. But the voters can reach each member of the Board of Apportionment, which is regrettable to say the least."

"The voters will notice that the entire tendency of legislation accomplished by the elements to which I refer, has been, in the past few years, to take power from the Common Council and place it in the hands of appointed bodies. The job is about completed. Now we are to have a sequence of charter changes which will place the commissions beyond the reach of the voters and finally beyond the reach of the appointing power itself."

"This will be accomplished, first by extending the terms of the commissions, and then by arranging things so that the appointing power, cannot make a majority of a commission during a single term, and finally by fixing matters so that the commissions are self-perpetuating."

"The terms of the assessors have been increased to four years. Presently the law will be changed so that the mayor will appoint one member of the board during two terms. Finally, the power of appointment will be taken from the mayor, and the members of the board will all vacate."

"This principle has been worked out and applied to the Park Board. The members of this board hold for eight years. Every year a new member is placed in the board by the remaining members."

"Such a governmental device is as foreign to the principles upon which the forefathers worked out a scheme of popular government as can well be imagined."

"The people have no more to do with the Park Board than they have with the management of affairs in the infernal regions."

"Yet this is the very device that these elements will apply throughout the city government, if they are allowed to proceed."

"In the present charter committee we have had a close contact with the head of the administration to prevent the creation of a board of public works, the members of which were to have six year terms. The committee was practically out of reach of the voters."

"Everything was there except the self-perpetuating principle, which probably would have been added two years hence."

"The people may depend upon it that these subtle, unseen political elements in a city, will day in and day out, have more influence with legislative committees than the people, because the work is done when the people are not looking; secretly."

"Against these secret methods, smacking of Venice and the Dark Ages, the referendum is a remedy in accordance with the spirit of America."

"Let the council prepare laws for the city, and let the legislative committee then to see that they are in accordance with the general law of the state, but before they are made effective, let them be submitted to the people and approved by the people."

SUES BINGHAM FOR HIS BROTHER'S DEATH
(Special from United Press.)
New York, Jan. 30.—Police Commissioner Bingham is being sued for \$150,000 damages for the death of Albert Lauterbach who was killed according to the complaint filed by his brother, Edward Lauterbach, because of the failure of the Police Commissioner to furnish proper protection for a dangerous fugitive crossing the New York, New Haven & Hartford Railroad at William's Bridge Road.

Albert Lauterbach was killed when his automobile, in which he and a number of friends were driving, crashed into the bridge rail which was being worked on. It is feared that amputation of the leg will be necessary.

BRIDGEPORT GIRLS TAKE WHITE VEIL

Misses Feeley and Fitzpatrick Renounced the World and Its Pomp.

Local Catholic Clergymen Assist at Impressive Ceremony at Mother House of Sisters of Mercy.

Two Bridgeport young women were received into the order of the Sisters of Mercy, at Middletown, Conn., Thursday, Miss May Feeley as Sister Benedicta and Miss M. Fitzpatrick as Sister Chrysostom. Miss Feeley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Feeley of Nichols street, and for several years had been a milliner at Howland's department store, and for some time prior to her departure was housewifely for this house. Miss Fitzpatrick well known as an efficient member of the teaching corps of Bridgeport's public schools, and the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Fitzpatrick of the North End.

There were a number of relatives present at the reception, in which Miss Genevieve Walsh, of this city who has just become a postulante a few weeks since, also participated.

The ceremonies were conducted by Monsignor Smyth, robed in the episcopal purple, acting as he did in such capacity, assisted by Rev. Father Elty, formerly of Stratford, and Father Barry.

After each of the postulants had in turn advanced to the altar and made the first vows that sever their worldly connection, the black habits were blessed. They then retired from the chapel, returning robed in the somber black, after which each again advanced to receive the first kiss of the people.

The three vows of the religious state, obedience, poverty and chastity, were touched upon; obedience, the lack of which is the first sin of the angels and of man; poverty by which the goods and allurement of things worldly are relinquished; and chastity, which placed the sacrifice and gives the body as the spouse of Christ.

The speaker said, too, that the religious state brings out the nobility that lies in the character of each member of a community; that it broadens rather than narrows the individual; and that it gains for the human soul the greatest victory that humanity can gain, the victory of the spirit.

After the reception the newly received novices each greeted her friends, and spent some time with them in happy reunion.

Among the clergy who were present were: Rev. Fathers Murphy, Sweeney, Mahony and Curran of Bridgeport; Dunn, McDonald and Joyce, formerly of St. Mary's Bridgeport; Murray, Chancellor of the Diocese of Hartford; McGivney, Musiel and Lynch of Middletown; Fanning, Union City; and Fitzgerald, Chester.

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The machinery was stopped as soon as possible and Burns was taken out more dead than alive. A call brought the ambulance with Dr. Ives, and Burns was hurried to St. Vincent's hospital. His injuries are a compound fracture of the right leg and many abrasions and bruises. At noon the surgeons at the hospital were still busy with the victim in the operating room. His right leg and hip is badly mangled. The bones protruded toward the front of his thigh when he was picked up. It is feared that amputation of the leg will be necessary.

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CONSUL CHENEY BURIED TODAY AT NEW HAVEN

He and His Wife Victims of the Great Earthquake at Messina, Italy.

Large Gathering of Mourners Despite Severe Snow Storm—Italian Societies Participate in the Services.

(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, Jan. 30.—In a veritable blizzard which did not deter a great throng of townspeople and representatives from the Italian societies from following the two caskets to the cemetery, the funeral of Dr. Arthur S. Cheney, late consul at Messina, and wife, who were killed in the recent earthquake, was held from Trinity church this afternoon.

The Rev. Charles O. Scoville officiated at the simple Episcopal burial services. Aside from the relatives, parents of the late consul, his brother, Dr. B. Austin Cheney and Miss Cheney, New Haven and Harold Cheney of Chicago, representatives from the classes of Yale, '80 Sheriff, and '83 Medical, with which the late Dr. Cheney took degrees, were present. There were also present members of the Italian Society, Theta Xi, graduates' club, and other organizations with which the late Mr. Cheney had been affiliated.

The funeral was held at the residence of Herbert Hengstler, chief of the consular bureau, who came on from Washington. The Italian consuls, Rizzo, representatives of the Italian societies from New York and Boston and scores of members of the large Italian colony here paid tribute to the dead consul and his wife.

From noon until after the funeral the flags on the Green and municipal buildings flew at half mast. The church was filled with floral tributes from the Italian societies in New York were conspicuous.

The bodies of Dr. and Mrs. Cheney were placed in a temporary receiving vault in Evergreen cemetery.

PRESIDENT-ELECT INSPECTING CANAL
With Party of Engineers Left This Morning for Pacific Locks.

(Special from United Press.)
Panama, Jan. 30.—President-elect William H. Taft, Lieutenant Col. Goethals and a party of engineers left this morning in a special train for the Pacific ocean locks, the foundation of which have been reported as unsatisfactory. Both Mr. and Mrs. Taft are enjoying the trip, though the President-elect is spending nearly all of his time examining the alleged defects on the canal. There is a growing confidence among the officials that radical changes will be ordered.

WHAT HAPPENED TO MIKE WHEN HE STRUCK THIS BURG
Chapter of Accidents and Incidents Which Will Make His 24-hour Tour of the City Memorable.

Mike Pajura came down from Easton yesterday and his visit was fraught with interesting situations. Mike loaded up his wagon with supplies for his farm and drove to the rear of a store in Fairfield avenue. He visited several saloons and acquired a comfortable jag. He visited Howland's department store and made a friend. The friend proved anything but a friend for he pulled two shirts out of his clothing and secreted them under Pajura's coat. The friend had been watched and Pajura was interrogated on a suspicion of being a shoplifter. Pajura was indignant, at the trick played upon him by his supposed friend. He gave up the shirts and told how he obtained them. He was allowed to go but when a search was made for the other man he had escaped, leaving Pajura to bear the burden of his sin.

Pajura, after looking over his horse and wagon, broomed about the town. He reported at Police headquarters at 9 o'clock that his team had been left on Elm street and was missing. The missing team still attached to the wagon was found where it had been left the night before in Fairfield avenue. It was taken to Keenan's stable and Pajura will make another attempt to get home to-day.

CONFESSES TO MANY BURGLARIES
(Special from United Press.)
Mooseus, Jan. 30.—Solving the mystery of the many recent burglaries in this section culminating a few nights ago in the daring robbery of the safe in the Aldrich Cotton Mill offices here the police to-day declare that Amos Bergeola, a French Canadian who was arrested by Deputy Sheriff Blyens this morning has confessed to the series of robberies, the one at the Aldrich mill and implicated two countrymen. Sheriff Blyens stated that these men were known as "Conney" and "Cotnie Quillet" a former United States Postmaster. He says they were arrested in Portland, Me., to-day in response to his message and will be turned here for arraignment. All three men live here.

SIGNAL HONOR FOR MR. ROOT.
New York, Jan. 30.—Tradition and precedent will be thrown to the winds when Elihu Root, ex-Secretary of State and recently elected Senator from New York State, takes office. According to Washington dispatches the New York Post Mr. Root will be made a member of the committee on foreign relations which is an honor for a New York Senator. This is unusual for a new Senator no matter what abilities.

SMITH HAS NOT SOLD THEATRE
But Proprietor Admits Play House Is on Market.

He Must First Get His Price However—Has Received Six Offers Within Three Weeks.

A report to the effect that Edward C. Smith had sold Smith's theatre and stage was denied by Mr. Smith to-day. Mr. Smith said he had received six offers for the theatre within the last three weeks but he had not disposed of it. He said that if the right price was offered he would sell as he would like to go abroad for about two years and take a rest because of his health which is not of the best. He was frank about stating that the theatre was on the market and there were many theatrical managers who would like to get the property which was acknowledged by everyone to be a good house and a paying proposition. Mr. Smith said that he had been in eleven years building up the house and was not going to allow it to go until the right parties came along and paid for it. He said he was not in a hurry to run. The property is owned by the P. T. Barnum estate.

PLANS FOR PONTOON BRIDGE NOW READY
Commission Will Also Receive Bids for Pile and Lift Draw Structures—Relief for Crescent Avenue Merchants.

Plans are on foot for the temporary bridge across the Pequonnock river at Congress street, both for a pontoon bridge and for a bridge of piling with a lift draw in the center. They will receive bids on both.

The news that a bridge is to be provided will be good news to Crescent avenue merchants whose businesses have been off to a large extent since the old, permanent structure was removed.

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WOMAN'S TEARS TOUCH HEART OF HUSBAND

Following Arrest of Former Bridgeporter, Erring Spouse Confesses and Is Forgiven.

Powe Robbed Partner And Fled Here With Wife of Another

Intercepted Through Letters Sent Him By His Mother—Returned to Rochester Today, Waiving Extradition—Wronged Husband Won't Press Serious Charge.

(Special from United Press.)
Barton Leroy Powe who some years ago used to attend the local public schools and who during his residence here resided in Madison avenue and in Main street was returned to-day to the police of Rochester, N. Y., where he is wanted for robbery. That he is not about to face trial on a charge more serious than that for which he is held is due to the forgiving spirit of Rochester man who has agreed to overlook the indiscretions of his wife who infiltrated with Powe, fled with him to this city about two weeks ago.

Following the apprehension of Powe who is a clean cut chap of 30, professing in appearance, with an athletic figure, there occurred to-day at police headquarters a reconciliation between Peter J. Doan, stationary engineer, and his wife. Powe accompanied by Mrs. Doan came to this city about two weeks ago and they have since lived at local hotels. Powe after a failure to find a business in this city, turned to a former school mate of Powe have seen the couple on the streets and believed them to be man and wife.

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SEVERE SNOW STORM SWEEPS OVER COUNTRY

Heavy Snow, Wind and Rain From Mississippi River to Coast.

Reached Blizzard Proportions in Middle West—Some Deaths and Much Suffering Is Reported—Storm Central This Morning Near Nantucket—New England Gets Tail End of Storm.

(Special from United Press.)
Boston, Jan. 30.—All New England is today swept by a blizzard and in many places snow down and traffic generally delayed. All along the coast shipping has suffered but no serious losses of life are reported.

The three-masted schooner Arthur M. Robertson is ashore at Tarapaulin Cove in Vineyard Sound. She is not leaking. She was bound from St. John, N. B., to New York with a cargo of lumber. The crew made no effort to leave the vessel as she grounded well inshore but the revenue cutter Acushnet was notified and is ready to go to her assistance.

A four-masted schooner at anchor off Toddy Rocks in sight of the Stony Beach Life Savers is dragging anchor and the life savers are ready to go to her assistance.

The schooner is in a bad anchorage and seems unable to work off-shore on account of the wind and the heavy sea.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Chicago awoke this morning to find itself in the rear guard of the blizzard that yesterday swept the west and to-day is careening over Indiana and Ohio on its way to the Atlantic coast. The blizzard is a tell of wires and telegraph poles down, trans snowed in, street cars out of business. From the east the story is one of an advancing storm preceded by a heavy snowfall.

The snowfall was very cold with snowfall with very cold weather accompanying it. The snow ceased falling here during the night but a high wind drifted the flakes badly.

One fatal automobile wreck, one killed and several injured, is included in the results of the storm. A lake steamer staggering across Waukegan harbor for 11 hours was badly crippled. The snowfall throughout the north and west has been tremendous and it will be several days before the railroads can resume regular traffic. The weather prophets will not predict that the storm in the east will not be as severe as in the west.

In many localities the reports show the high wind accompanying the snow fall was so terrific that houses were overturned. The Northwestern Railroad general offices say their tracks from London and Denver are banked with snow. The Western Union and Postal Telegraph Companies report their wires in bad condition yesterday and have made little progress toward the repairing of the lines.

New York, Jan. 30.—A driving blizzard, drifting a heavy fall of snow, has settled over New York to-day and is crippling traffic in all kinds of navigation. It is almost a dead end. The storm which has been circling the country, swept into the city from the west early last evening in the form of a driving rain. The rain soon changed to snow, however, and the winds increased. By morning several inches of snow covered the streets.

St. Louis, Mo., Jan. 30.—Three dead, three fatally hurt is the record of the storm that is sweeping over St. Louis, and the property damage today is estimated at thousands. The temperature has dropped to 20 below zero and a cutting wind is still blowing, drifting the light snow.

John Stump, a brakeman, was killed on a roof of a car on which he was riding. He was blown off and buried in the snow. His companion, Daniel Dwyer, was fatally hurt. Erwin Mikolaj was killed by a car at a railroad crossing. The storm made it impossible for him to see or hear.

Charles Jackowitz was caught by the wind on an icy stretch of pavement, fell and broke his neck, dying instantly. Robert Cornack was blown from his back yard and is suffering from a fractured skull and cerebral hemorrhage. He was on his way to work.

Carroll was fatally hurt when a tree fell on the house in which his family lives. Her brother William, aged 4, and mother were seriously injured.

Chicago, Jan. 30.—Dispatches from the West giving the details of the blizzard show great damage. Throughout the north and west the snow is large. Omaha it will be upwards of \$50,000, while Lincoln, Neb., received even more damage. In Council Bluffs, across the river from Omaha, Mantos near his home, fell into a snow drift and was frozen to death. Several buildings in Nebraska were unroofed.

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Cincinnati, Jan. 30.—Twelve passengers were seriously hurt this morning when a street car broke loose on one of the hillsides and plunged a 50 foot embankment. The motorman, William Mulligan, will die.

Weather Indications.
(Special from United Press.)
New Haven, Jan. 30.—Forecast: Clearing this afternoon. Fair and much colder tonight and Sunday. The wind will be from the north near Chicago yesterday morning has moved rapidly eastward and is now central near Nantucket. It has produced high waves and broken ice near the shore. The storm will be over by the time it reaches the coast. It is followed by quite an extensive cold wave. Zero temperatures extend as far south as St. Louis. Storm warnings are continued along the coast. Washington, Jan. 30.—Change to northwest storm warning at 10 a. m. from Savannah to New York. High northeast winds indicated for next 24 hours.

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